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1. An internment office, known officially as Section IV/4 of the Ministry of the Interior, occupies four offices on the sixth floor of the new Ministry of the Interior building in Budapest V, Szemereytelek uccsa 12.
2. The internment office acts as a clearing house for all cases of persons arrested by the various Hungarian security agencies. Source claims that secret arrests together with some of the most important cases do not fall within the competency of the internment office. The bulk of the cases handled by the office consists of appeals made on the basis of denunciations, often anonymous. Until 10 September 1944, Section IV/4 was able on its own initiative to recommend dismissal of charges for lack of evidence or make an appeal for clemency; after that date, the arresting agencies of the police refused to accept moves for dismissal originating with the internment office.
3. Section IV/4, according to source, is directly subordinate to the prefect of police, Gen. Ferenc MUENNICH, who holds the rank of Ministerial Councillor. KARCZAG is described as an able lawyer, about 35, a non-Communist who is affiliated with the Agrarian Party. Allegedly the son of a large landowner, KARCZAG is said to have offered his property voluntarily to the state in order to ingratiate himself with the present regime; in return he was offered his present post in the government.
4. Other personnel of this section are:
 - a. Dr. Ferenc GOEY, assistant to KARCZAG. GOEY is a police major and allegedly a non-Communist.
 - b. Dr. Bela BARTA. BARTA is a police major and a Communist, though not a convinced one.
 - c. Dr. Laszlo KALMANN. KALMANN is a police major and a Communist.
 - d. Capt. Laszlo FALUDY. Former police officer, FALUDY is described as a dangerous Communist, possibly an agent provocateur.
 - e. Dr. Ferenc SZACSVAY. A police captain, SZACSVAY belongs to the Agrarian Party.

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- f. Dr. Irvin JUHASZ. JUHASZ is a police captain and a Communist.
- g. Dr. Istvan DENES. DENES is a police 1st lieutenant and a Communist.
5. The Budapest Police formerly controlled some 12 to 14 internment camps at various places in Hungary. In 1946, a central camp was established in a former barracks in Budapest II, Budaorsi ut. The camp is capable of housing 10,000 inmates. It is now under the command of Lt. Col. Lajos RUSZSAK, a convinced Communist. RUSZSAK is assisted by 1st Lt. Sandor PATKAY, also a Communist. There are five camp administrators and about 150 guards assigned to the camp.
6. The Minister of the Interior, Jozsef KADAR, in response to a proposal from Lt. Col. DECSI of the State Defense Department, has allegedly issued a confidential order for the building of three new internment camps, each with a capacity of housing 30,000 inmates. All three are to be completed by the end of spring of 1949. The planning and execution of this new project was allegedly assigned to Col. GYENES, head of Section IV/1. Two of the new camps will be in the Budapest area: the sites chosen were Pesthidegkut, not hitherto used for this purpose, and Kistarcsa, formerly used as a Nazi concentration camp and used since the war to house a police school. The third camp will be constructed at Satoraljauihely. The purpose of the new camps is an expected large-scale purge of the middle class.

Comment: Lt. Col. Gyula DECSI and Lt. Col. Andras GYENES-DIENES are both well-known. The former is head of Section 2 of the State Defense Department; the latter was closely affiliated with the State Defense Department before obtaining his present post.

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16. Col. Albert JANOSSY, at present Chief of the Supply Section in the Division of Defense:

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Capt. Illes SIMON, assigned to the Personnel Section of the Ministry of
Hungarian Affairs, Budapest, [redacted]

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1. Maj. Zoltan FEKETE, present assistant

14. Col. NEMETH, evangelical bishop of :

Sola SPALLER, croupier:

Thelva MARKOVITS, employed in the Ministry of Social Welfare

- WISLEY, owner of the Cafe Corso, Budapest; Sandor Ucca. WISLEY was offering certain assistance in 1948 to evacuate Hungarians wishing to leave the country by means of a wooden motor used for transporting charity packages from Britain to Hungary.

Capt. Sandor KESZTHELY, Hungarian Air Force;

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Shahly EREDOX, newspaper editor; address

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3. The following are allegedly employees of the Military Political Section (KPCs) of the Ministry of Defence:

Col. Imre VERTES, section chief.

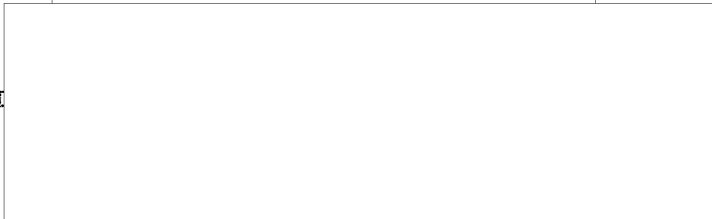


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Lt. Col. Istvan KOVARI;



Maj. Gyorgy KARDOS,



Maj. Jozsef SZORENYI



Lt. Col. Gyorgy CSOKA



Maj. Istvan BERKESY, head of a detachment stationed in the Bagolyvar, a Budapest student center.

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4. The State Defense Department representative with Maszovlet air line is allegedly one Capt. VARNAI



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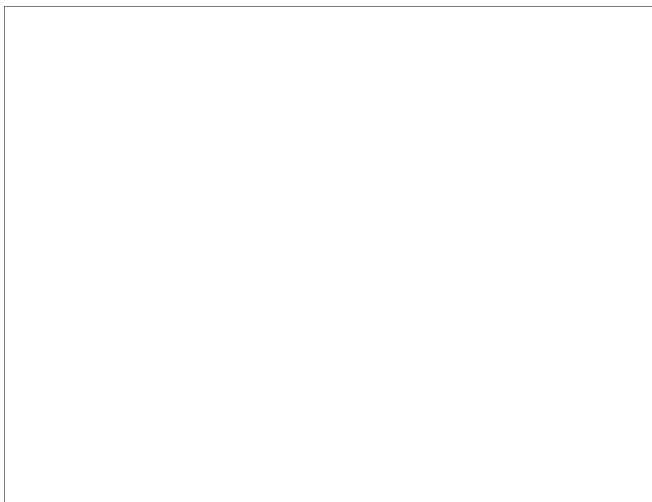
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JANOSY, Lt. Col. , Albert



WARNAY, Capt .

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